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SUBJECT: LORAN-C/CLARINET PILGRAM

REFS: (A) STATE 162909 (B) OSLO 3790

1. AS EMBASSY HAS REPORTED, THE LORAN-C ISSUE MADE ITS INEVITABLE REAPPEARANCE IN THE NORWEGIAN POLITICAL CAMPAIGN EARLIER THIS WEEK (REF B). IN THE WAKE OF THE RELEASE OF THE SCHEI REPORT AND SUBSEQUENT PRESS ADDITIONS TO LORAN-C, MOD UNDERSECRETARY HOLST TELEPHONED DCM AUGUST 25TH TO SEEK USG CONCURRENCE IN HIS MAKING PUBLIC THE FACT THAT LORAN-C IS NO LONGER CONSIDERED BY THE USG TO BE A "SPECIAL PURPOSE SYSTEM."

2. AS BACKGROUND HOLST STATED THAT HE HAS RECEIVED A WRITTEN QUESTION FROM LONG-TIME LORAN-C TROUBLEMAKER GLEDISCH WHICH SPECIFICALLY ASKS HIM WHETHER OR NOT LORAN-C IS A "SPECIAL PURPOSE SYSTEM." HOLST STATED GLEDISCH IS PRESUMABLY PURSUING THE QUESTION RAISED BY THE LEFTIST PAPER "NY TID" IN JUNE (OSLO 3048) ON THE NATURE OF THE LORAN-C SYSTEM. HOLST RECALLED THAT IN RESPONSE TO HIS INQUIRY ON THE MATTER, USG HAD TOLD GON THAT CONTINUING DOD CLASSIFICATION OF SYSTEM AS "SPECIAL PURPOSE" WAS
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APPARENTLY INADVERTANT (PARA 3 STATE 162909).

3. HOLST WOULD LIKE TO DRAW ON THE INFO IN PARA 3 OF STATE 162909 IN HIS REPLY THOUGH HE DID NOT PROPOSE TO USE IT IN ITS ENTIRETY. AT A MINIMUM HE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO INFORM GLEDISCH THAT QUOTE THE GON HAS BEEN INFORMED BY US AUTHORITIES THAT LORAN-C WAS NO LONGER

CONSIDERED A SPECIAL PURPOSE SYSTEM BUT WAS CLASSIFIED AS A
GENERAL PURPOSE SYSTEM AND HAD BEEN SO CONSIDERED BY THE USG
FOR SEVERAL YEARS. UNQUOTE. HE SEES AN ADVANTAGE IN
ANSWERING GLEDISCH QUICKLY TO TAKE THE WIND OUT OF HIS SAILS
AND ASKED FOR OUR REPLY BY TUESDAY AUGUST 30.

4. ON A RELATED SUBJECT, HOLST TOLD US THAT HE IS PROBABLY
GOING TO RELEASE THE UNCLASSIFIED FACT SHEET ON CLARINET-
PILGRAM WHICH THE USG AGREED HE COULD MAKE PUBLIC (TEXT
CONTAINED IN OSLO 3242 AS AMENDED BY STATE 168302).

5. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE IN OUR INTERESTS
TO APPROVE HOLST'S REPLY TO GLEDISCH ALONG THE LINES
SUGGESTED BY HOLST IN PARA 3 ABOVE AND REQUEST WASHINGTON
AUTHORIZATION TO DO SO BY COB LOCAL TIME TUESDAY, AUGUST 30TH.
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